

National Lighting Partner Meeting March 1-3, 2006

ENERGY STAR
Residential Light Fixtures Quality
Assurance Testing

## Why QA?



- Integrity of the ENERGY STAR brand
  - Benefits to partners
- Follow up to PEARL

# **Poor Quality Lighting**





**Example of Why QA Testing is Important** 

# What's changing?



	PEARL	QA 4
Who pays	Utilities, EPA	Manufacturers
Who tests	Centralized testing	Arranged by manufacturers and NAVLAP labs
Consequences	Requests for additional tests, limited delisting	Removal of non- compliant products

### What Will Be Tested?



- Performance Parameters
  - ➤ Efficacy
  - Lamp Start Time
  - > CCT
  - > CRI
  - Lamp Base Type
  - ➤ Lumen Maintenance 1,000, 4,000 hours (life proxy)
  - Maximum Ballast Operating Case Temperature
- Consumer Informational Parameters
  - Product Packaging
  - ➤ Lamp Labeling, Warranty

## **Testing Frequency**

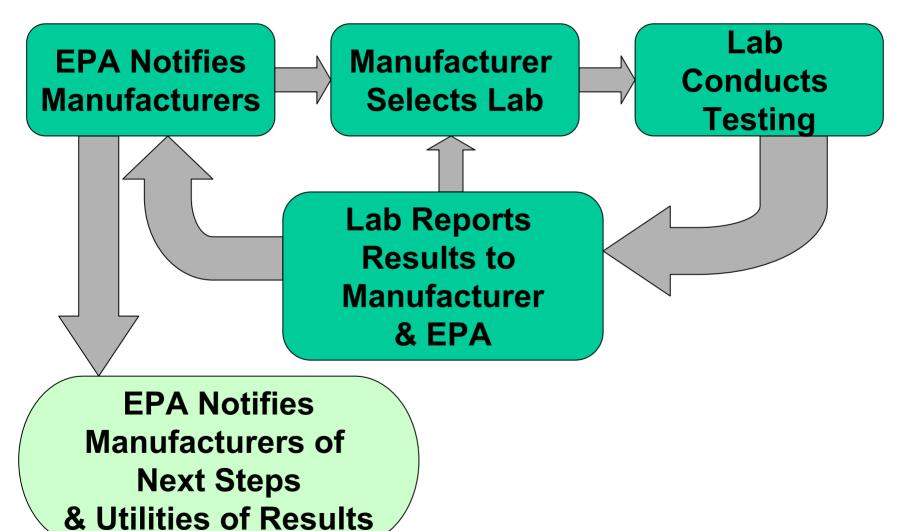


 Two Batches per year – approx. 20 fixtures per batch

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

#### **Process**





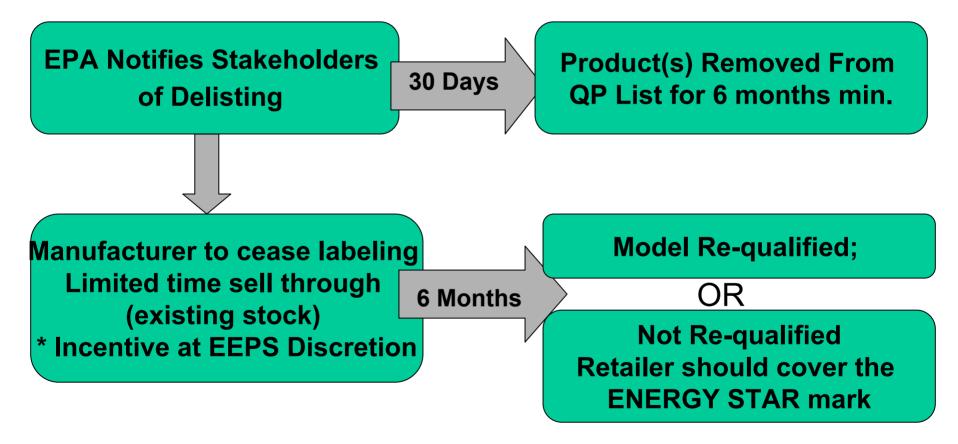
## What's it going to cost?



- No more than 2 lamp/ballast platforms per year per manufacturer
- Use any 3<sup>rd</sup> party NVLAP lab
- Expect cost in low \$000s/model

### Non-Compliant Product Delisting Protocol





### **QA4** Timeline



Oct 1, 2005	RLF V.4.0 Effective
Feb 17, 2006	QA4 Guidelines and Procedures Manual released for comment
Mar 6, 2006	Comments due
Mar 31, 2 <u>006</u>	QA4 <i>Guidelines and Procedures Manual</i> finalized & distributed
April 3, 20 <u>06</u>	Batch one letters are sent to partners
Oct 2, 2006	Batch two letters are sent to partners

Dec 29, 2006 -Aug 26, 2007

QA4, batch one completed (estimated)



# **Thank You**